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SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
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UTILISATION OF LABORATORY RESERVE FUND .
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have issued the guidelines for utilization of Laboratory Reserve Fund (LRF) under CSIR;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the date on which the said guidelines were issued;

(c) whether any need for their revision specially for the areas like transparency in its utilisation of the funds has been felt by the Government ; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard ?

Answer

MINISTER FOR HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a&b) Yes Sir. The Laboratory Reserve Fund (LRF) in CSIR was set-up with effect from April 1992. Guidelines for its utilization were issued with the approval of the Governing Body of CSIR on 10th March, 1992. The guidelines specified the details of funds that could be credited to LRF and the heads of expenditure for which LRF could be utilised.

(c&d) The operation of the LRF for over five years brought to light the need for guidelines to bring in greater clarity and transparency in the utilisation of LRF. A High Powered Committee was appointed by CSIR on 28.2.2000 to examine the adequacy of the extant guidelines for LRF and bringing in greater clarity and transparency. Based on the recommendations of the Committee, revised guidelines for LRF were issued with the approval of Governing Body of CSIR to all the Laboratories on 04.9.2000. The revised guidelines specified for the first time the heads of expenditure for which the LRF could not be utilised.